

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Tetsuya OKANO, et al.

Serial No. 09/455,932

Group Art Unit: 2153

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Examiner: STRANGE, Aaron N.

For: RELAYING APPARATUS FOR USE IN A NETWORK SYSTEM

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Supplemental Amendment/Response in response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 18, 2007. A petition and fee for a three-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to April 18, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.